

Help Strengthen Seattle's Neighborhood Business Districts



Choose a forum to fit your schedule:

Evening Forum

Wednesday, September 29
7 to 9 p.m.

Morning Forum

Thursday, September 30
7 to 9 a.m.

Bertha Landes Room, City Hall
600 Fourth Ave. (entrance on Fifth Ave.)

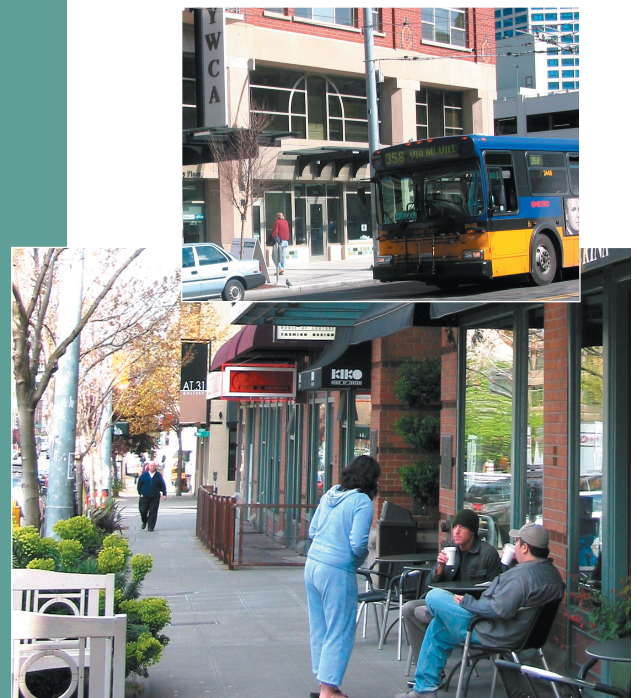
We want your input!

You are invited to participate in a public forum on Neighborhood Business District Strategy (NBDS) recommendations, developed with input from a series of public meetings in Spring 2004. The NBDS strengthens the urban village strategy, consistent with Seattle's Comprehensive Plan, and makes improvements to regulations for commercial areas outside of downtown.

The goals of NBDS are to help create safer, more vibrant and accessible business districts for shoppers; allow more flexibility and opportunity for business owners; create more housing opportunities; protect and enhance neighborhood character for residents; emphasize pedestrians over vehicles by incorporating guidelines for better pedestrian environments; and simplify the Land Use Code.

NBDS recommendations include:

- Broaden the range of uses allowed at the street, including residential, to limit prolonged commercial vacancies
- Emphasize plazas, outdoor cafes, and wider sidewalks
- Reduce requirements for residential amenities and allow more flexibility to meet the needs of residents
- Lower parking requirements based on local demand and to support alternative transportation. In Urban Centers and station areas, allow market conditions rather than requirements to determine appropriate parking amounts
- Support customer or short-term parking over commuter or long-term parking
- Balance auto access and parking with the needs of pedestrians and transit
- Make commercial and mixed use regulations more compatible with Design Review

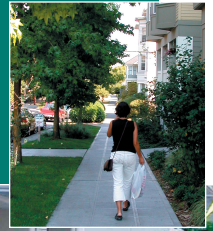


Need More Information?

For more information on the upcoming public forums or the proposed Neighborhood Business District Strategy, go to our website at www.seattle.gov/dpd/planning/nbds or contact:



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As public input from residents, property owners and business owners to City planners is vital to NBDS' success, a forum will be held on two different dates and times.

